GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF NARCOTICS DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per annual report of the International Nacotics Control Bureau, the sale of pharmaceuticals containing internationally controlled narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances are increasingly being advertised and illegally sold without prescription over the internet;

(b) if so, the number of such cases came to the notice of Union Government during the last one year;

(c) whether the Government has gone through the annual report of INCB;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government on the facts mentioned in the report; and

(e) the corrective steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to stop such advertise and illegal sale of narcotics drugs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a): In its report for the year 2004, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) have expressed concern at the sale of narcotic drugs and psychotgropic substances through internet.

(b): During the year 2004, two cases were registered by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) where pharmaceutical drugs were being sent abroad on receiving orders through Internet.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): Indian drug law enforcement agencies are aware of the danger of misuse of internet for sale of drugs and constant vigil is maintained to arrest this problem.